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QUESTION COLUMN.

QUESTIONS NO. 70.

1st. How long after Christ died was it till Paul was Chosen as the Apostle of the Gentiles, and why was he chosen?

3rd. What was and is God's Two Witnesses standing before the god of the earth?

4th. Who is the beast that was, is not, and yet is?

Let as many preachers as can answer these question and let each preacher under taking to answer just answer one at a time as we want the good of all. We do not care how many answers. Readers show these questions to your preachers and have them answer or tell you their reason and then give their reason to us for it.

QUESTION NO. 2.

Esplee Minn.

Dec. 7, 1915

Rev. L. S. Garrett:

Dear Bro—

Will you please explain thru your Columns, the 12th. chapter of Rev. Also tell me where to find the passage where it says, God thought to change times and laws, and wore out the saints.

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CREATION AND FORMATION.

Continued from last week.
TWO SONS OF ZIPPORAH.

Why was it that Gershom the son of Zipporah said that he was "an alien in a strange land" and the other son Eliezer said "For the God of my Father said he was mine help" we ask, why this contrast between the two?

Clate Mc Cubbin.

Text.

"Then Jethro Moses father in law took Zipporah Moses wife after he had sent her back.

And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom for he said I have been an alien in a strange land:

And the name of the other was Eliezer for the God of my father said he was mine help and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh." (Ex. 18-2-4-4)

In the first place we will have to learn that these things were written for our learning. And when we have once learned this fact then we will be able to see why those things occurred as they did. So we will have you read this language.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning; that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15-4)

Now then we have before the reader that God has said through Paul that whatsoever things that were written aforetime were written for our learning. Then it was not only written for the people in that day and age of the world. But for us also for we read.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Cor. 10-11.)

Then we learn that all of these things happened unto them for examples for us and they are written for us to learn truth from them then we must say that they were prophecies set forth for us. And we add, that this is what there is in the two sons of Zipporah. And in order to get down into the depth of the prophecy we must get some of the connections and to do this we must read this.

"And Moses took his wife and his sons and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God in his hand,

And the Lord said unto Moses When thou goest to return into Egypt see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart that he shall not let the people go.

And thou shalt say unto the Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son even my first-born

And I say unto thee Let my son go that he may serve me; and if thou refuse to let him go behold I will slay thy son even thy first-born.

And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him.

Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

So he let him go then she said

A bloody husband thou art because of the circumcision.

(Ex. 4-20 to 26)

There is many considerations in the language we have just read. The first is that Moses was the husband of Zipporah, and that they had two sons. The second one that we shall speak of is, that God met Moses or some one else and was a going to kill him, and the third is that Zipporah called her husband a bloody husband those with others are of the many considerations that we spoke of.

Now then we shall turn to the question that has been asked about the two sons that is, they being the sons of one mother, and yet such a contrast in their lives. Gershom was an alien in a strange land. As it reads "I have been an alien in a strange land" And Eliezer said that the God of his father was his strength. Read "The God of my father said he was mine help" This the reader will see makes quite a difference in the attitude of the two. This we say was a prophecy, and and it is written for our learning. And in reading God's word we learn that Gershom was a representative of the Gentiles the descendants of the created man; for we read

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the common wealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world. Ephe. 2-12

We have no more room for doubt in regard to who it was that this prophecy of Gershom had reference to, in other words he represented the Gentile world before the coming of Christ. And we shall add Cain's posterity to this class as they were numbered with the Gentile

and were a part of them. The other son Eliezer was representative of the Israelites the descendants of the formed man who was placed in the garden of Eden. For he said that the God of his father was his strength, therefore please read.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Ps. 46-1

And it is true that God was the strength of Moses. We learn then that God represented the two people in prophecy, and then it admonishes us to hear the truth. And then again we learn that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Why should we say this? because in hearing we believe, and in believing we have faith in what we hear because we know it is truth. Now then, having before us the fact that there is a prophecy in the record of the two sons. And in order to get at the depth of it, as we said above in quoting the fact of the bloody husband. We must return to this scripture, Moses was a chosen man of God. A representative of Christ. There fore God met him in the Inn (the Church) and thought to slay him what for? The sin of the whole world. Then Zipporah, the representative of the Church,

The Church or Israelites, cut off the foreskin from themselves (That is the spirit,) and would say in their blindness, as infidels say today, Concerning Christ, that to say God gave his Son in sacrifice, he would have to be a murderer. And to confirm the idea that the Spirit was taken away from them, we shall quote you this.

"For behold the Lord, the Lord of hosts doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water Isa. 3-1.

The stay and staff was the spirit, and Christ which was their front and rear in their spiritual walk. And this brings us into the knowledge of the deep meaning of the prophesy in (Ex. 4-25.)

We wish the reader to reason on this scripture in this manner.

If the Ed, is not right, then what reason can we assign to God, for meeting Moses in the Inn and seeking to kill him? Was God so blood thirsty as to want to become a murderer? And yet Moses his faithful servant.

Again, was it possible that Moses and Zipporah his wife had a quarrel and in order that she might get the best of Moses she would cut the foreskin, of her son and cast it at Moses and call him a bloody husband in order to throw up to him the killing of the Egyptian? In this light of reasoning we say there is no wonder there is infidels. But thanks be to God we have given you a better light of reasoning a Bible light. A true prophesy of the death of Christ the circumcision of the Israelites, the taking from them the stay and staff and giving it to the Gentiles. Hoping our labor may meet the approval of sound minds we beg an honest hearing.

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